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# Foreword

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The Muslim Students' Association (MSA) is an entirely student run organization at the University of Cape Town. It was established in 1973 and seeks to, among others, provide a vehicle through which students, particularly muslim students, can engage in developmental projects, advocate for social and political justice through facilitating campaigns and interactive student events. Moreover, the institution is concerned with catering to the needs of muslim students on the university campuses. This includes, but is not limited to, availing prayer services, ensuring prayer room maintenance and availing *halal* foods to residence students. This is achieved with the involvement of the constituency and liaising with the relevant university structures.

MSA UCT pursued a decentralized organizational model which saw a core executive student committee overseeing administrative and strategic tasks, while also contributing to project initiation. The projects themselves were undertaken by specifically recruited semi-autonomous teams of students that execute the project, or by committee members themselves. These teams continuously interacted with the committee and received further assistance from the broader MSA UCT student membership. MSA UCT is a registered student organization at the University of Cape Town and thus operates within the student governance and financial framework administered by the Student Representative Council and Department of Student Affairs at UCT.

This report provides an introduction to the organization and details of some of the undertakings for the year ending 30 September 2012. It is envisaged that comprehensive feedback and reporting will assist the society in future developments as well as become recognized as a developmental agency at UCT in the future.

**Imaad Isaacs**

Chairperson 2011-2012

# Chapter information

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Name:	Muslim Students' Association of the University of Cape Town A registered society in the Department of Student of Student Affairs University of Cape Town
Affiliation:	Union of Muslim Students Associations' of South Africa
Region:	Cape Region
Committee term:	One year, annually renewed by election 1 September 2011 - 31 August 2012 (officially ended on 30 September 2012)
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# Committee members

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The committee consisted of the following sixteen members.

<b>Chairperson</b>	Imaad Isaacs
<b>Vice-Chairperson</b>	Loobna Kamroodien
<b>Secretary</b>	Umar Manack
<b>Treasurer</b>	Aqeela Imamdin
<b>Events Managers</b>	Naeemah Adams, Zakariyyah Harnekar
<b>Maintenance Managers</b>	Ziyaad Isaacs, Khadija Karjiker
<b>Da'wah</b>	Nabil Mohamed, Naeema Hoosain
<b>Medical School</b>	Mishka Kadir, Shuaib Goga
<b>Publications</b>	Shuaib Khamissa
<b>Media, Marketing &amp; Communications</b>	Huroennisa Mahomed
<b>Residences Coordinator</b>	Uzair Ramjam
<b>Outreach Coordinator</b>	Aboobakr Kalla
<b>Human Resources</b>	Loobna Kamroodien

# Other representations

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Members of the committee that served the interests of the institution on other structures include:

<b>MSA National Council of Chapters Liaison</b>	Naeema Hoosain
<b>UCT Societies Council Member</b>	Imaad Isaacs
<b>MSA National Executive Committee Member</b>	Imaad Isaacs

# Withdrawn committee members

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The following members withdrew from the Committee. Their withdrawal was accepted by the Chairperson.

<b>Da'wah</b>	Quaanit Bester (w/d December 2011)
<b>Residences Coordinator</b>	Ayesha Bibi Juwaley (w/d January 2012)



# Commitment blurbs

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At the start of 2012, each member of the committee committed to a set task of tasks and responsibilities expressed in a brief blurb. Herewith follows their initially submissions.

## **Chairperson**

I commit to executing the duties of the Chairperson with dignity, integrity, humility and free of discrimination with the purpose of facilitating an inspiring environment for young leaders to grow and develop their potential. In addition, it is my duty to ensure that the society runs smoothly and develop strategic direction protocols for the MSA UCT without compromise of the Islamic Laws. - *Imaad Isaacs*

## **Vice-Chairperson**

As Vice-Chairperson, my duty is to fulfill all the Chairman's requirements, to assist the Chairperson in all endeavors and to serve as a replacement for the Chair when he is unable to be present. My duty also involves assisting and supporting all other members and portfolios when needed. - *Loobna Kamroodien*

## **Secretary**

I commit to ensuring proper secretarial protocols within the MSA. - *Umar Manack*

## **Treasurer**

My role in the MSA is that of Mummy dear's purse. I make sure that all of the other portfolios get their share to cover the costs of their activities. It is my responsibility to make sure that the purse doesn't run dry, that there is no skulduggery and that the money the MSA has and spends is *halal*. I account for the society's financial soundness and I aim to do so in a way that will make the running of the MSA as smooth a process as possible for the coming year. - *Aqeela Imamdin*

## **Events Managers**

University can be tough, and what can help a lot is having some fun and enriching experiences to help balance against the grind of studying. This is where MSA events come in; preparing and organizing events you can learn from and enjoy with your fellow Muslims on campus, and ensuring you have a holistic and eventful year In-sha-Allah. - *Naeemah Adams & Zakariyyah Harnekar*

## **Maintenance Managers**

Jamaat khana is about caring for your fellow muslim brothers and sisters. It is about making sure that your fellow muslim brother and sister has a place to make their daily *thikr*, *salah* or even just to seek knowledge. The portfolio has the responsibility of making sure the place of meeting is clean, tidy and in a presentable manner. The portfolio consists of not only the cleanliness of the prayer facilities, but also the organization and preparation of the Friday congregational prayer. This portfolio brings many and all to a common place of meeting and interest. This portfolio is of vital importance because Allah (SWT) tells us that "Cleanliness is half of your faith" and we all require and desire a presentable prayer facility that we may attain the infinite pleasure of Allah (SWT). - *Ziyaad Isaacs & Khadija Karjiker*

## **Da'wah**

The Da'wah portfolio aims to create Islamic awareness among Muslims and non-Muslims on campus. Using the Qur'an and Hadith, our aim is to promote *Taqwah* through discussion and reminders; and allow Muslims to see the beauty of Islam in every aspect of life. We also aim to get students thinking and talking about issues of faith facing Muslims in the community. As a united *ummah* we support each other in our efforts to become the best Muslims we can be. - *Nabil Mohamed & Naeema Hoosain*

## **Medical School**

As representatives of MSA at Medical School, it is our responsibility to maintain a comfortable environment for the Muslim students at UCT's Medical School, especially our newest recruits. We will ensure the upkeep of our prayer rooms and we intend on informing you about all the events being held on Upper Campus. This year, we intend to host exciting and beneficial programs at our faculty for your participation and enjoyment. Have an enjoyable year ahead, and if you encounter any difficulties at campus, remember we are on hand to assist In-Sha-Allah. - *Mishka Kadir & Shuaib Goga*

## **Publications**

The publications portfolio serves as the written voice of the MSA and works in conjunction with the Vula tab to keep all members and non-members updated of upcoming events. The main objective of the publications portfolio is the imparting of knowledge to the UCT community. This portfolio is one of the most powerful tools to convey knowledge that will be beneficial for us in this world, *Qabr* and *Aakhirah*. We hope and pray to Allah SWT. that we are able to use this tool most effectively. - *Shuaib Khamissa*

## **Media, Marketing & Communications**

As your Marketing representative, it is my duty to market not only events hosted by ourselves, but also many other events pertaining to the muslim student population. It is here that I make the promise that if there is an event to attend you will hear about it from me. Perhaps not first, but I will be blasting it at you, eventually. So keep your eyes and ears open for all upcoming events. In so doing, it is my duty to convince you that the society to be a part of is the one and only UCT MSA. - *Huroennisa Mahomed*

## **Residences Coordinator**

As the Residences Coordinator, I serve as an intermediary for residence students between the MSA and UCT structures whilst ensuring that the needs of residence students are catered for. - *Uzair Ramjam*

## **Outreach Coordinator**

The outreach portfolio is one of the most rewarding portfolios to be a part of as it provides one with the opportunity to improve the lives of those who are less fortunate. By getting involved in the numerous projects throughout the year, you are guaranteed to gain a new perspective on life as well as make some good friends, but most importantly you will gain the pleasure of Allah SWT as we will be assisting those that are loved by Him. I urge each and everyone of you to get involved and bring a friend with you because individually we can kick around the sand, but together we can move mountains.- *Aboobakr Kalla*

# Financial report

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The treasurer and chairperson have, together, prepared and provided some analysis of the financial statements. The detailed financial records may be found in the MSA's treasury records.

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## Statement of Income and Expenditure for the period ending 30 September 2012

<b>Income</b>		<b>126744,19</b>
Retained Income from 2011	1	14014,49
UCT grant	1	2100
Membership Fees	1	31325
Donations (Renovations)	2	10228,3
Donations Income	3	13456,9
Equipment Rental Sales	-	850
Events Income	4	7781,9
Fashion Show Ticket Sales	5	21931,1
Fundraising Events Income	6	4550,5
Habitat for Humanity Donations Income	7	17250
Transport Sponsorship	8	3256
<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>120871,77</b>
Medical School Renovations		35702,84
Habitat for Humanity Donation	7	15000
Fashion Show Expenses	5	14642,4
Socials Refreshments	14	14840,66
Asset Acquisitions	9	8254,72
Fundraising Events Expense	6	5550
Maintenance	13	5518,85
Transport		3516
Speakers' Honorariums	15	3400
Build-a-Home Campaign	7	2500
Soccer Tournament Refunds		2000
Other Expenses		1580
Committee Events	11	1574,85
Campaigns	10	1247,15
Conference Registrations (MSA Portion)	12	950
Stationery		918,5
Staff Gifts	16	900
Video Recording Services		800
Printing		790
Packaging		573,8
Safety Equipment		340
Website		130
Telephone		92
Other Donations		50
<b>Nett Surplus</b>		<b>5872,42</b>

## Notes to the Statement of Income and Expenditure

- Note 1** The primary sources of funding for the society are the previous year's retained income, an annual UCT grant and the membership fees paid by UCT students.
- Note 2** A total of R10,228.30 was received in cash donations from the public specifically for the renovations of the prayer facilities on the Medical Campus.
- Note 3** Donations income is primarily sourced from Jumu'ah collections. In most past cases, the society donates these collections to deserving charities. However, during the 2012 term, only some collections were donated to deserving charities, while others were used for society operational costs.
- Note 4** Events income is made up of ticket sales amounts from the society's annual events such as the Medical School Braai, Annual Welcoming Braai and Mass Iftaar. These tickets were sold at R15 per person at each event.
- Note 5** See entry for "The Undercover Fashion Show" in the General & Social Events Section.
- Note 6** This amount was generated by task specific fundraisers, i.e. Akhni and cake sales.
- Note 7** See "Build-a-Home Campaign" entry in the Special Projects section of this report.
- Note 8** This entailed transport sponsorships specifically sourced for the members who attended the MSA National Conference in Johannesburg in April 2012.
- Note 9** **Assets acquired for the purposes of investment and better running of the society included the following:**
- Telefunken 32-inch LED Screen (x1), LED Bracket (x1), Heavy Duty Easy-Up Gazebo (x1), Vacuum Cleaner (x1), Defy Bar Fridge (x1), Braai Drums & Stands (x2), Roller Promotions Banner (x2)
- Note 10** This figure entails the operating costs for the Islam Week and Help Break the Silence (HBTS) Burma Awareness campaigns.
- Note 11** Committee events included the Strategy Plan Meeting, Data-Capturing, and the Committee Outgoing Dinner.
- Note 12** This entailed the MSA portion of fees payable for the conference registrations in 2012.
- Note 13** This figure is the total expenditure on prayer room maintenance such as paper towels and detergents. The 2012 expenditure was reduced by 45% compared to that of 2011.
- Note 14** Socials refreshments include all eatables for MSA funded social events.
- Note 15** Speakers' honorariums include financial incentives for Friday speakers as well as gifts for visiting speakers and lecturers.
- Note 16** Staff gifts were purchased for UCT staff and MSA partners who work with the society on a regular basis.

# Representations

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Members of the MSA UCT Committee represented the society at official events on an ad hoc basis. Some of these are listed in this section.

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## **MSA National Conference, The Birchwood, Johannesburg - April 2012**

Imaad Isaacs and Nabil Mohamed represented the MSA of UCT at the first National Meeting of MSAs in 2012. The conference was augmented to the Islamic Medical Association's Annual Conference and hosted at The Birchwood Hotel and Conference Centre in Johannesburg. The travel and lodging arrangements were covered by sponsors sought by the MSA Union. The event served as a national platform for MSAs to engage in dialogue, evaluate the circumstances of their respective chapters and also discuss the means and way forward for the Union. Other sessions also dealt with holistic development, covering issues of Muslim Identity, popular Muslim issues in non-Muslim states and other personal empowerment workshops. Many new friends and alliances were formed in the spirit of positive Muslim development.

Event gallery: <https://skydrive.live.com/redir?resid=3095A99A8177864!145>

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## **MSA National Camp & Conference, Durban - Jul 2012**

*Submitted by Naeema Hoosain.*

MSA Union hosted a national camp at Hazelmere in Kwa-Zulu Natal from 12-15 July 2012. It started out pretty chilled, meeting fellow campers, finding our way around the campsite and our accommodation. Our days were packed full of inspiring speakers, interactive workshops and some really cool activities. Some of the highlights included Ahmed Sheik's workshop on The Principles of Leadership; clay pigeon shooting (even though the girls only got 2 shots each); Open Mic, the all-night bonfire, random shouts of "TAKBEER!" to wake us up and get our attentions back on track, and hashtagging MSACamp in F. Soofie's workshop on Reflecting on the Lives of Great Leaders.

I also found that everyone there (me included) was so inspired to bring Islam more into our lives, into every aspect of it, and to let it thrive in our hearts. Best of all, I learnt about some of my own potential, and realized to what heights I can take myself to in-sha-Allah. Truly mind-blowing stuff.

*MSA UCT attendees included Naeema Hoosain, Huroennisa Mahomed, Umar Manack and Salman Ghoor.*

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## **Parliamentary Memorial Service: Lonmin Marikana Mine - Aug 2012**

UCT MSA Chairperson and MSA Union National Executive Committee Member Imaad Isaacs addressed the House in a national assembly memorial service held at the Parliament of South Africa on 21 August 2012. Chairperson Isaacs expressed his heartfelt condolences on behalf of the Muslim Students of South Africa to the families of the Lonmin Mines Tragedy and beseeched God to make this land one of safety, peace and prosperity. He also affirmed his confidence in that President Jacob Zuma's commission of inquiry will ensure that such an occurrence is not repeated and that South Africa will continue to be a land in which harmony and tolerance prevails. See the event gallery link below.



Event gallery: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.393203564081339.88664.126225360779162&type=3>

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# General & social events

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## Islam Week - Oct 2011

As the 2012 executive started to take up the challenge of leading and representing the Muslim students of UCT, the outgoing executive team decided to show them the ropes by hosting a joint-team effort in organizing Islam Week '11.

The Annual Islam Week took place in October 2011 on UCT Campuses with the central focus being Upper Campus, the home to 17,000 of UCT's student population. The MSA invited guests from the

An-Nur Educational Centre and Discover Islam Centre to help with answering questions related to Islam.

The week was eventful with lectures, public prayers (*salah*), tours of the Muslim Prayer Room, screenings and also having people on the ground to feed the inquisitive minds of observers of this beautiful religion.

Event gallery: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.197548506980180.47088.126225360779162&type=3>



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## MSA @ Pink Week - Oct 2011

The UCT Muslim Students' Association was invited to deliver a 15-minute talk on Islam's view of homosexuality and its related practices. The panel discussion took place in the Leslie Social Sciences Building on Upper Campus from 13h00 to 13h45. The purpose of the panel discussion was to hear what different religions say or does not say about homosexuality.

The MSA was represented by its newly inaugurated chairperson, Hafieth Imaad Isaacs, who clarified the Islamic law regarding homosexuality and its basis of prohibition in the Qur'an, offering some advice for restraining oneself as well as clarifying when one would be considered a non-muslim with regard to engaging in sinful practices.

The committee was the first to accept an invitation from the Pink Week organisers in years.

Following this event, a concerted effort was made to establish a homosexuality task team to deal with such matters on campus. The aims behind this was to avail support and rehabilitation for muslims dealing with such tendencies. It also aimed to provide an educational series for members concerning the topic. The project was suggested by Imaad Isaacs and to be headed up in 2012 by Quaanit Bester. The project was not fully realized due to the unavailability of Mr Bester. The duties were not further discussed.

The matter will be suggested for follow-up and implementation by Imaad Isaacs and Quaanit Bester for the 2013 Committee term.

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### **Plaza Week - 6,7,8 Feb 2012**

After the UCT freshers have settled in and come to grips with what UCT has to offer academically during O-Week, it kicks off its annual plaza week. Plaza week ran from 6-8 February and is that time of year where Jammie Plaza and essentially University Avenue is packed with excitement showcasing the university's over 120 societies and more than 80 sports clubs.

This year's plaza week was successful with the MSA's committee signing up 414 members.



The committee availed Jumu'ah prayer services during O-Week (the week before Plaza Week), which hasn't been organized in recent years.

Event gallery: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.315905028477860.70582.126225360779162&type=3>

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### **Subcommittee Day - 23 Feb 2012**

The Committee's HR Manager facilitated the organization of Subcommittee Day. The event avails an opportunity for members to find out more about the respective portfolios within the MSA and how they can get involved. Sign-ups for subcommittees were also taken and use of cleaning apparatus was also demonstrated. The event was meant to take place in Molly Blackburn Hall, a more public space.



However, due to poor attendance, approximately 35 members, the proceedings were conducted in the Males Prayer Room.

Event gallery: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.322112034523826.71717.126225360779162&type=3>

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### **Freshers' Braai - 10 Mar 2012**

Every year, the society hosts its annual welcoming braai (barbecue) for new and old members. MSA Freshers' braai was held in Wynberg Park and witnessed over 150 members, new and old, attending the event. The event was a huge success. It had good food, games and sport complimented with great



company. The committee and subcommittee pitched in. The event was spearheaded by the Events Managers Zakariyyah Harnekar and Naeemah Adams and their subcommittees.

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### **Cake & Akhni Sale Fundraiser - 22 Mar 2012**

A cake sale was organized on 22 March 2012. This was such, in order to assist with the funds needed to ensure that the society is liquid.

Other fundraising programs were also initiated. This included the Friday Akhni Sale project. The main purpose was to raise funds by “eating to feed” where the proceeds of on-campus Akhni sales would be used to fund an outreach feeding scheme in the poorer communities around the Cape. The project was suggested by Aboobakr Kalla and Friday sales were assisted by members of the committee. Akhni Sales ran for 5 weeks before it was deemed nonviable. The project did not make a loss. However, the investment wasn’t proportional to the returns. The feeding scheme program wasn’t realized during the committee’s term in office.

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### **Med School Braai - 20 Apr 2012**

MSA UCT annually hosts a medical school braai to welcome its new and returning aspiring health professionals. In an attempt to integrate the medical school students with the other faculties, the braai was hosted on Jammie Plaza on 20 April 2012. The event featured some videos of Baba Ali, music and other entertainment. The members also celebrated Committee Member Naeemah Adams’ birthday at the event.



Event gallery: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.322058571195839.71699.126225360779162&type=3>

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### **Qur'an Completion Ceremony for exams - 17 May 2012**

The Muslim students of UCT gathered on Thursday, 17 May 2012 between the *Maghrib* and *Esha'* prayers to complete the last juz (part 30) of the Holy Qur'an in a *tilawah* sitting. Students were encouraged to select a part that they intended to recite for the *Khatm* by entering their first names or student numbers into an online spreadsheet and were kindly requested to complete their readings before the sitting.

The completion ceremony witnessed reciters reading chapters individually from the last *juz'* and in unison from the *Surah ad-Duha* till the end of the Holy Qur'an. Those who wished to partake in the public recitation were required to demonstrate an intermediate proficiency in the recitation of the Holy Qur'an and application of Tajweed.

Many delectable treats were offered after the proceedings and the ceremony was also graced with the presence of UCT maintenance and security staff. The event proved to be a wonderful success and the first of its kind in many years.

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### **Annual Iftar/Boeka - 3 Aug 2012**

The annual Iftar/fast-breaking ceremony, usually held in the month of Ramadan, was hosted in the Leslie Social Sciences Building on 3 August 2012. The event witnessed a change in the traditional venue and menu from akhni to butter chicken, and from Kramer to Leslie. Hafieth Ridhwaan Kaka opened the ceremony with a melodious recitation of the Holy Qur'an. MSA invited a guest speaker, Mr Naadir Mohiudeen of Zambia, to share a few words before the nightfall prayer. Thereafter, the nightly



prayers of Ramadaan (Taraweeh) were performed at the venue. The entire proceedings were broadcasted live on MSA's Blitz program via *spreaker.com*. The change in venue and cuisine significantly contributed to the success of the 2012 annual Iftar where approximately 250 members participated.

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### **Annual General Meeting - 31 Aug 2012**

MSA UCT's annual general meeting took place on 31 August 2012. The Chairperson, Imaad Isaacs, reported on the year's activities. The Society Treasurer, Aqeela Imamdin, also reported on the society's financial activities over the past year.

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### **The Undercover Fashion Show - 8 Sept 2012**

MSA UCT Dawah co-representative Naeema Hoosain responded to the needs of the society. Since MSA UCT was battling with a tight, but stable, financial budget, she decided to host a *Hijab* fashion show. The fun and exciting evening showcased designs by Nakau, Dress Code, Europa Design Emporium and others. 24 Beautiful young ladies graced the audience donning stunning clothes in vibrant colours and exquisite headwear.



This fantastic evening was enjoyed by over 250 guests whilst raising funds for the MSA's sustainability and outreach projects. Guests also received goodie bags with gifts, samples, beauty vouchers and more.

The fashion show realized a profit of R 7,288 which may increase in future years by finding suitable sponsors for the event logistics. The logistics were forked out with monies from ticket sales, this first time around.

Some event highlights and write-up:

<http://gokseneffendi.blogspot.com/2012/09/heejab-fashion-show-summer-2013.html>

Event gallery: <https://skydrive.live.com/redir?resid=3095A99A8177864!201>

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# Regular programs and services

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## **Jumu'ah Service Provisions - Weekly during 2012**

The Da'wah portfolio managers, Nabil Mohamed and Naeema Hoosain, were responsible for sourcing speakers for the Weekly Friday Congregational Prayer (Jumu'ah). A total of 24 proceedings were hosted during the 2012 academic year with special Jumu'ah proceedings during Plaza Week, O-Week and the Short Vacations. Some of the topics that were presented are listed below. Transcripts and audio recordings are available from the MSA Office for some of the proceedings.



In addition, Qur'anic recitals were introduced before the Jumu'ah proceedings and proved to be a good initiative to get members into the Prayer Hall earlier. A structured time schedule also ensured that 95% of proceedings ended between 13h40 and 13h45 to accommodate the students' academic commitments.

**Moulana Yunus Karaan** – Plaza Week Welcoming Jumu'ah

**Shaykh Ali Mustafa** – Knowledge and Tasawuf

**Shaykh Ismail Londt** – Brotherhood and knowledge

**Shaykh Ahmed Taahir** – The pursuit of knowledge and Islamic civilizations

**Brother Arshaad Samodien** – The Palestinian struggle

**Syed Naadhir Mohiudeen** – Arrogance

**Abdul Karriem**- Applying our skills for social good

**Yusuf Noor**- Biological evolution (MSA official statement released on this proceeding)

Transcript available from MSA Office

Interim Statement: <https://skydrive.live.com/redir?resid=3095A99A8177864!261>

**Professor Shameel Jeppie** – Social good (Maslaha)

**Shaykh Taha Rodriguez** – *The plot of shaytaan*

**Shaykh Riyaad Walls** – Vanity of one's knowledge and opinion.

**Hafieth Imaad Isaacs** – Talk on the month of Ramadaan and Project Read

**Moulana Tariq** – *6 points*

**Hafieth Imaad Isaacs** – The obligation of commanding the obligatory and forbidding the evil

Transcript available from MSA Office

**Shaykh Abdul-Rashid Brown** – Wasatiya (moderation)

**Shaykh Qaaanit Bester** – Lessons from Ramadaan

Audio Download Link: [http://www.spreaker.com/user/4733493/blitz\\_special\\_jumuah\\_17\\_8](http://www.spreaker.com/user/4733493/blitz_special_jumuah_17_8)

**Mowlana Abdul Khaliq Allie (MJC)** – Structure and discipline in Islam

Audio Download Link: [http://www.spreaker.com/user/4733493/jumuah\\_24\\_8](http://www.spreaker.com/user/4733493/jumuah_24_8)

**Hafieth Imaad Isaacs** – Ignorance breeds fear & contentious issues in MSA elections

Audio Download Link: [https://docs.google.com/open?id=0B0zo4j\\_cJoDPSG45ekNZa3Y1OU0](https://docs.google.com/open?id=0B0zo4j_cJoDPSG45ekNZa3Y1OU0)

**Shaykh Is-haaq Lekanya** – Why do we make Salaah?

**Yusuf Nhonho** – 5 pillars of Islam, 6 pillars of Imaan and making Da'wah

**Shaykh Ahmed Taahir** – The slandering of the Prophet: Freedom of expression vs. the freedom to insult.  
Transcript available from MSA Office.

**Shaykh Ali Mustafa** – Sacrifice

**Zakariyyah Harneker** – Luqman, the Wise

Among those who lead the prayers and participated in special recitals, apart from the speakers above included : Hafieth Ridhwaan Kaka (UCT), Hafieth Luqmaan Parker (US) and Shaykh Ismail Londt.

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## **Islamic Personal Obligatory Knowledge Seminar Series - Weekly since Feb, 2011**

Imaad Isaacs conducts a weekly lecture series at the [University of Cape Town \(UCT\)](#) entailing the *personal obligatory knowledge of Islam* that every *accountable muslim* should know and act upon. This class is attended by members of the UCT community ranging from Professors to postgraduate and undergraduate students. It is open to both muslims and members of other religious denominations.



The class commenced in February 2011. The entire syllabus is conducted over four semester periods and also has weekend intensives covering a semester's content. The 2012 academic program experienced a lower attendance rate than that of 2011. This is likely due to lack of advertising the program during 2012. A consistent marketing scheme will be implemented in 2013.

### **Class Attendance Statistics 2011**

Max attendance: 47

Min attendance: 17

Average attendance: 26

Non-muslim enrollment: 11    Students who have completed *and passed* (may teach) in the course: 10

The course syllabus outline is presented on the next page.

## **Syllabus Outline**

### **Part 1 – Essentials of belief and laws of apostasy (12 lectures, 2011, 2012)**

Chapter 1 The Meaning of the Testification of Faith (The Two Shahadahs)

Chapter 2 Types of Apostasy (Riddah)

Chapter 3 Repentance of the Apostate from Islam (Murtadd)

Chapter 4 Commanding the Obligatory (Ma<sup>^</sup>ruf) and Forbidding the Unlawful (Munkar)

### **Part 2 – Purification and prayer (12 lectures, 2011, 2012)**

Chapter 1 Times of Prayer (Salah)

Chapter 2 Obligations of the Guardians

Chapter 3 Ablution (Wudu')

Chapter 4 Cleaning Oneself after Defecation and Urination (Istinja')

Chapter 5 The Purificatory Bath (Ghusl), Integrals of the Purificatory Bath (Ghusl)

Chapter 6 Conditions of Purification (Taharah)

Chapter 7 Dry Purification (Tayammum)

Chapter 8 Prohibitions While in a State of Ritual Impurity (Hadath)

Chapter 9 Removing Najas-Filth

Chapter 10 Additional Conditions of Prayer

Chapter 11 Invalidators of Prayer

Chapter 12 Conditions for the Rewardability of Prayer

Chapter 13 Integrals of Prayer

Chapter 14 The Congregational Prayer (Jama<sup>^</sup>ah) and the Friday Prayer (Jumu<sup>^</sup>ah), Conditions of the Friday Prayer (Jumu<sup>^</sup>ah), Integrals of the Two Speeches (Khutbahs), Conditions of the Two Speeches, Following the *Imam* in Prayer

Chapter 15 The Funeral (Janazah), Washing and Shrouding the Dead, The Funeral Prayer (Salat al-Janazah), Burial of the Dead

### **Part 3 – Zakah (alms) (5 lectures)**

Chapter 1 Items Subject to Zakah

Chapter 2 Zakah on Animals

Chapter 3 Zakah on Dates, Raisins, and Staple Crops

Chapter 4 Zakah on Gold and Silver, Gold and Silver Ores, and Golden and Silver Treasure-Troves (Rikaz)

Chapter 5 Zakah on Trade Articles

Chapter 6 Zakah of Fitr

Chapter 7 Recipients of Zakah

**Part 4 – Fasting (5 lectures)**

Chapter 1 Who Must Fast

Chapter 2 Integrals of Fasting (Siyam)

Chapter 3 Days on which Fasting is Unlawful

**Part 5 – Pilgrimage (*Hajj*) (5 lectures)**

Chapter 1 Who Must Perform Pilgrimage (*Hajj*)

Chapter 2 Integrals of Pilgrimage (Rukns of *Hajj*)

Chapter 3 What is Unlawful During *Hajj*

Chapter 4 Requisites of Pilgrimage (Wajibs of *Hajj*)

**Part 6 – Marriage and Dealing Contracts (12 lectures)**

Chapter 1 Knowledge Before Action

Chapter 2 Marriage Contract

Chapter 3 Usurious Gain (Riba)

Chapter 4 Some Rules of Selling (Bay<sup>ʿ</sup>)

Chapter 5 Supporting Dependents, Including One's Wife

Chapter 6 Obligations of the Wife

**Part 7 – Obligations and Sins (10 lectures)**

Chapter 1 Obligations of the Heart

Chapter 2 Sins of the Heart

Chapter 3 Sins of the Abdomen

Chapter 4 Sins of the Eye

Chapter 5 Sins of the Tongue

Chapter 6 Sins of the Ear

Chapter 7 Sins of the Hands

Chapter 8 Sins of the Private Parts

Chapter 9 Sins of the Foot

Chapter 10 Sins of the Body

Chapter 11 Repentance

## Advanced & supplementary content

Al-Fiqh al-Akbar, Imam Abu Hanifah an-Nu^man (12 lectures)

Al-^Aqidah al-Tahawiyyah (12 lectures)

The Biography of Prophet Muhammad (8 lectures)

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## Sistahood Tuesdays - First Semester 2012

Under the jurisdiction of the Da'wah Portfolio, the Sistahood was created. The *Sistahood* is a weekly females Halaqah that was held during the first semester of 2012. Some of the presenters included Naeema Hoosain, Wasfeeya Altalib, Yumnah Richards, Nasreen Hoosain and Shareefa Chogle. Transcripts of the Halaqah content presentations may be obtained from the MSA Office documented in the Da'wah file.

Some of the topics that were presented are:

The battle of Life - The good deed system (6/3/2012)

The battle of Life - The bad deed system (13/3/2012)

Secular knowledge vs Islamic knowledge (20/3/2012)

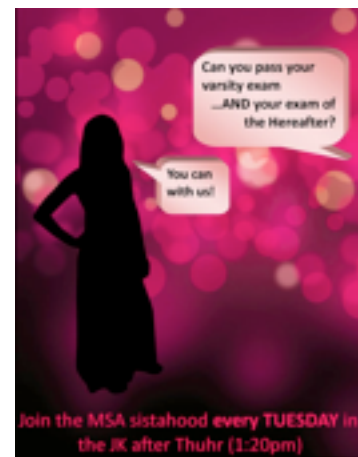
Muslim Identity (27/03/2012)

Obligations towards the Qur'an (10/04/2012)

Surah Takathur (17/04/2012)

Ridhaa (to be pleased)

Surah Fatiha



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## Daily Halaqaat (Informal Educational Sitzings) - First Semester 2012

A daily Halaqah sitting was held from Mondays to Thursday after the Thuhr (midday) prayer. The Halaqaat entailed recitals and explanations of Hadith from the Riyadh-us-Saliheen compilation. These were conducted during the first semester of 2012 and presented by Shaykh Quaanit Bester, Zakariyya Harnekar, Altaaf Harnekar and Hafith Muhammad Siddique Parker.

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accessible from PCs, Macs and mobile phones. Ramadan blitz featured The Daily Ramadan Tip, Arabic With Zak, Baking With Bibi. Tajweed with Imaad, Personal Obligatory Knowledge, Poetry, Reviews, Current Affairs and more. Sixteen episodes were produced with special broadcasts for Jumu'ah, Mass Iftar and other special occasions. A cumulative total of 1298 listeners was obtained during this period.

Episode index available at: <http://www.spreaker.com/user/4733493>

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### **Understanding Qur'an for Prayer (Arabic Course) - Ramadan 2012**

A series of 12 lessons on the Arabic Language on understanding the Qur'an for Salah was conducted by Dr. Abdurahman Abduraheem (via pre-recorded videos). Members proficient in the Arabic language oversaw the program, facilitated breaks to rehearse in the class and implemented revision activities. These were conducted by Aboobakr Kalla, Ismail Ghoor, and Imaad Isaacs. It will be offered as a structured program in 2013 as well.

Course details available at: <http://understandQur'an.com/>

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### **Post-Taraweeh Braai on Completion of Qur'an - Ramadan 2012**

Upon completion of the Holy Qur'an on the 20th night of Ramadan, the members of the congregation were invited to attend a post-Taraweeh braai at the Medical School Campus. The well-attended event witnessed members devouring delicious chicken, steak and chops as well as playing soccer in the Medical School Courtyard.

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### **Congregational Prayer Facilities**

The Upper Campus and Medical School prayer rooms are accessible via swipe card access to the UCT community. The areas are open to all muslims and non-muslims who wish to utilize the facilities. Congregational prayers are performed throughout the day at the specified times.



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# Special educational programs

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## Seminar: Belief of Muslims [+ Paintball Action] - 15-17 Nov 2011

The seminar entailed a two-day course on *The Belief of Muslims and Apostasy*. The meaning of the two testifications of faith, attributes of the prophets and apostasy were focussed on in light of evidences from the Qur'an, Prophetic sayings and the Islamic scholarly consensus. The sections were taught by *Hafieth Imaad Isaacs* and *Shaykh Abu Mamdouh Farouq al-Abbadiyy*, may Allah protect them and make them beneficial to the nation of Prophet Muhammad, may Allah raise his rank.



The seminar was well attended by sixty-five members of the University of Cape Town's student body and members of other educational institutions. Each participant received a copy of *The Summary of ^Abdullah al-Harariyy, Ensuring the Personal Obligatory Knowledge of the Religion*: a comprehensive summary of most of the Islamic Personal Obligatory Knowledge entailing the essentials of belief, matters



from purification to pilgrimage, some of the laws of dealings and the sins of the limbs.

The event ran smoothly with loads of informative and beneficial information as well as delectable treats. To top it all off, participants who opted to register for the course plus paintball enjoyed a wonderful 42Km bus drive to Imhoff Farm in Kommetjie for some paintball-shooting action on its third day. The seminar

came to a wonderful end with some hotdogs and luxuries before returning home to the University of Cape Town.

As part of our integrated social responsibility, a total of R885 was donated by the seminar participants towards the Palestinian Cause. These funds were receipted by the co-host BTG South Africa and transferred to the Al-Quds Foundation SA.

Invitation video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDEjkaj-T6A>

Seminar gallery: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150423054015839.377405.7044560838&type=3>

Paintball Excursion Gallery: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150424203500839.377523.7044560838&type=3>

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### **Seminar: The Importance of Leadership in Islam - 31 Mar 2012**

MSA UCT invited Associate Professor Yasin Dutton of the UCT Department of Arabic Language and Literature to host a seminar on 'The Importance of Leadership in Islam'. The full-day seminar was open to members of the UCT community and the public at no cost.

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### **Seminar: Purification and Prayer [+ Silvermines Hike] - 13-15 Apr 2012**

The *Purification and Prayer Seminar* co-hosted by BTG South Africa was conducted on 13-15 April 2012 on UCT Upper Campus. The event attracted a below-average attendance due to presenter Imaad Isaacs' same-day return from Saudi Arabia.



The syllabus, however, was still covered in the two-day seminar and included: times of prayer, obligations of the guardians, ablution, cleaning oneself after defecation and urination, the purificatory bath (Ghusl), conditions of purification, dry purification, prohibitions while in a state of ritual impurity, invalidators of prayer, conditions for the rewardability of prayers, integrals of prayer, the congregational prayer and the Friday prayer (Jumu'ah), integrals and conditions of the Two Speeches (Khutbahs), following the *Imam* in prayer, The funeral (Janazah), washing and shrouding the dead, the funeral prayer (Salat al-Janazah) and the burial of the dead.

Participants enjoyed butter chicken and pasta for supper while overlooking the exquisite view of Cape Town from the historic Jameson Steps. The post-seminar hike at Silvermines' Nature Reserve was postponed to July due to unforeseen weather conditions. All in all, the seminar's content was delivered and its objectives were achieved.

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### **Open Lecture: Why am I a muslim? - 13 Apr 2012**

MSA Da'wah Manager Nabil Mohamed arranged a lecture hosted at UCT's University House student residence and was entitled *Why am I a muslim?*. The lecture was delivered by linguist Dr. Shaykh Ali Mustafa who is a student of the renowned Moulana Fazlur-Rahman al-Ansari.

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## Public Lecture: Habib Umar - 14 Apr 2012

The MSAs of the University of Cape Town and University of the Western Cape coordinated a public lecture with His Eminence Habib Umar bin Hafiz, a direct descendant of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), hosted on UCT Upper Campus. The lecture was well-attended by over 200 participants from both the UCT community and the public. Special guests included members of the Islamic scholarly community, UCT's Executive Director of Student Affairs and Deputy Vice Chancellor Sandra Kloppers. The



proceedings opened with a welcome from Chairperson Imaad Isaacs and was then emceed by UCT's Dr Andrea Brigaglia of the Department of Religious Studies. Habib Umar addressed the gathering on reconciliation, contentment of the heart and establishing social harmony within our communities.

Event gallery: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.322091081192588.71708.126225360779162&type=3>

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## Panel Discussion: Who is Jesus? - 19 Apr 2012

Student Y and MSA co-hosted a panel discussion on the topic *Who is Jesus?* The discussion took place on Wednesday, 19 April 2012 during Meridian in Zoology Lecture Theatre 2. The discussion took place between familiar debaters namely, Advocate Yusuf Ismail (Muslim, IPCI) and Dr. David Succombe (Christian, George Whitfield College). A primarily non-muslim audience of approximately 100 attendees graced the event. DVD videos of the discussion are available and copies may be obtained from the MSA UCT Library.



Event gallery: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.322129827855380.71723.126225360779162&type=3>

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## Vacation Course: 12 Day Intensive Arabic - June 2012

The first two weeks of the UCT mid-year vacation witnessed a first-ever intensive Arabic course lectured by Imaad Isaacs over twelve days. The course was aimed at giving participants a solid appreciation for the grammatical and morphological composition of the Arabic Language whilst paying particular attention to grammar rules, morphological scales, reading, writing and oral presentation. The course also provided extensive vocabulary lists with situational comprehensions and conversational practice. Two class tests



were written. The twelve-day course covered concepts on par with content of the first three semesters of a full-time bachelors degree study in Arabic Language and Literature.

Twelve students registered for the course with an average daily attendance of nine students. A nominal fee was charged for the program that included all notes, textbooks and stationery.

Course Information Sheet: <http://uctMSA.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/arabic-intensive1.pdf>

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### **Open Lecture: Shaykh Muhammad bin Yahya Al-Ninowy - 1 Aug 2012**

Shaykh Muhammad bin Yahya al-Ninowy was hosted by the University of Cape Town's Muslims Students' Association on Wednesday, 1 August 2012 for a very inspirational talk on education. The honourable Shaykh was accompanied by members of the Islamic scholarly community. The lecture was held in Molly Blackburn Hall and open to members of the UCT community.



Audio recording available [here](#).

Event gallery available at: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.393198697415159.88663.126225360779162&type=3>

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### **Workshop: Psychology, An Islamic perspective of - 25 Aug 2012**

A full-day workshop entitled *Psychology, An Islamic Perspective* was organized by MSA UCT. It was presented by Clinical Psychologist Is-haaq Lekganya who also graced the UCT community with a guest Jumu'ah appearance the following Friday. The workshop attracted an attendance of twenty-five (25) participants. Copies of the proceedings may be obtained from the MSA UCT Library for those who were unable to attend the workshop.

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### **Conference: Seeking Unity - 8 Sept 2012**

The MSAs of the University of Cape Town and the University of the Western Cape once again teamed up to host and coordinate a conference entitled *Seeking Unity: Principles for brotherhood* with His Eminence Habib Muhammad Al-Aydarus. The event was hosted at the Islamia College Academia Centre in Lansdowne with a significant attendance of 150 participants. Most of the planning and on-the-day logistics were catered for by MSA UWC, while marketing and other aspects were taken care of by UCT.



## Seminar: The Belief of Muslims [+ Games Night] - 23 Sept 2012

The Belief of Muslims two-day seminar was offered once again on UCT's Upper Campus. The program was lectured by Imaad Isaacs and Shaykh Farouq Al-Abbadiyy. It was condensed into a one-day seminar covering the same aspects as expressed in the seminar held on 15-17 November 2011.

The games evening, despite having the equipment setup was unsuccessful due to the University's failure and oversight in ensuring a supply of power to the iconic Jameson Hall. As such, the night ended with some lovely chicken and corn soup as well as chicken curry without missing any X-box or pool table fun.



# Special projects

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## Medical School Prayer Facilities Upgrade (Joint initiative)

The prayer facilities at UCT's Medical School were in need of some upgrades. These were identified by the MSA Committee 2010/2011 and followed through by the MSA Committee 2011/2012. The upgrades entailed an overhaul of the ablution facilities including replacement and installation of additional taps, some partitioning and a hot water cylinder. Muzzammil Ismail, Masudah Paleker and Shehzaad Mukaddam initiated the project in 2011. The entire project amounted to approximately R35,000. Funds amounting to R10,228 were sourced from public donations, R5,000 was allocated by the 2011 Treasurer Shehzaad Mukaddam and the remainder was sourced from 2012 subscription fees. The project served as a joint initiative between the committees of the 2011 and 2012 years.

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## Da'wah Wall - Oct 2011

The first order of business, as the MSA UCT Committee 2011/12 commenced its term, was to utilize the open wall space across from the prayer rooms and chapel entrance. This space was underutilized. It was subsequently noticed by members of the committee, who then took the initiative to use the posters from Islam Week 2011 and paste these up. The area still has potential to be upgraded and to be made friendlier to stir up intellectual thought and serve as an educational literature hub.



## Ping-a-friend for Fajr - Mar, Apr 2012

Ping-a-friend was an initiative by Dawah Coordinator Naeema Hoosain. The program was based on having a 21 day cycle of members calling or pining each other for Fajr. The cycle was based on psychological and habitual research on the number of days it takes to make or break a habit. The program realized successes in some respects, but still had room for improvement. Approximately 55% of participants reported successful wake-up calls and pings. It is definitely worth keeping the program around with some minor fine-tuning.





## Israeli Apartheid Week (organized by PSF) - Mar 2012

The Annual Israeli Apartheid Week was organized by PSF UCT (Palestine Solidarity Forum) in the week of 5-9 March 2012. Although not hosted by the MSA, the committee sought to actively promote the Palestinian cause and the Week's events using its marketing resources. The presence of the MSA UCT committee and general members were noticed at the Week's events. However, the involvement of the MSA in the PSF's administration is minimal as compared to other campuses in country. This stance is desired though, since it affords the opportunity to distance the religious undertone on the Palestinian crisis and focus on the humanitarian and core human rights perspectives.

Week 4 Update and Chair's Address: <http://uctMSA.com/MSA-update-week-4-very-important/>

MSA Media Release in support of IAW: <http://uctMSA.com/media-release-MSA-supports-israeli-apartheid-week/>

PSF IAW Event Galleries:

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## Inter-MSA Orphan Day - 7 Apr 2012

The MSAs of UCT, UWC, CPUT and US teamed up to host an inter-MSA Orphan Day on Saturday 7 April, 2012 at the Rygate Sports Complex. The event catered for approximately 100 participants from various children's homes in the Western Cape. The kids had fun with finger painting, soccer and other crafty activities. The event was well-attended and witnessed participation from all campuses in the region.

Event Gallery: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.322196181182078.71751.126225360779162&type=3>



## MSA and Green Week

It has been a personal goal to have the MSA play a more active role in the promotion of UCT's Green Campus Initiative's Annual Green Week. Green Week is a GCI program that aims to create awareness around Green Initiatives on campus from saving water, to forestry and recycling. The reason for taking such a stance from a muslim perspective is motivated by the inclusion of preservation of the earth as one of the *Maqasid* of Islamic Law. Essentially, the muslim community should be at the forefront of such a project since it is enshrined in our basic tenets of jurisprudence. Green Week usually happens in October, but the organizers moved the project to the first semester in 2012 for "fear of the world ending". This oversight in our coordination, did not make it possible to launch a full-scale project in conjunction with the Green Week theme. However, The Dawah portfolio made a series of posters featuring Qur'anic verses and Prophetic sayings in line with environmental preservation. These were placed up around UCT campuses, some of which are still on noticeboards today.



## Build-a-Home Campaign (coordinated with Habitat for Humanity SA)

MSA UCT hosted a 10-day collection drive by issuing donation vouchers similar to that of the Ramadan Humanitarian Project (RHP). The project ran from 8-18 May 2012. The project raised R17,250 in the 10-day period. After considering project expenses a total amounting to R15,000 was donated to Habitat for Humanity South Africa in two equal payments.

The committee also joined Habitat UCT for a build in October 2012.

Committee Build Event Gallery:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.393210654080630.88665.126225360779162&type=3>



Building communities  
back by back

22 August 2012

The Chairperson  
UCT Muslim Students Association  
University of Cape Town  
Rondebosch

Dear Sir

On behalf of Habitat for Humanity SA, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude at your very generous donation of R 7 500.00 which we received 26 July 2012. It is very humbling to be entrusted with resources from our supporters and as an NGO; we depend on the kindness from our donors. Thank you for blessing us in this manner.

During the month of July, we hosted our National Mandela Build week where we housed 34 families in Orange Farm Gauteng, Umgababa KZN and Mfuleni Western Cape. These families can now be warmer, drier, safer and have more space available to them to live healthy lives. To date we have housed more than 3100 families across 34 communities in South Africa. With the help from our supporters, volunteers and communities, we work towards our vision of a world in which every person has a decent place to live.

Your gift will be used to help house a family in Mfuleni during the month of October. I will forward you a report on the build after its completion and information on the homeowner who benefitted from your gift.

Thank you once again for your wonderful gift that will help change the life of a family for generations to come.

With heartfelt thanks

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## Help Break the Silence (Burma Awareness Campaign) - Sept 2012

MSA UCT funded the *Help Break the Silence* Burma crisis awareness campaign. The campaign was headed by MSA UCT Outreach Coordinator Aboobakr Kalla and Basheerah Soomar. It entailed a petition to be forwarded to the Burmese Embassy and the South African Department of Foreign Affairs, posters, stickers, general awareness articles and a Jammie Plaza exhibit. The campaign ran over the months of September and October 2012.



Facebook page link: <https://www.facebook.com/BurmaHBTS>

UCT VARSITY Newspaper article: <http://varsitynewspaper.co.za/opinions/1241-burma-apartheid-reincarnated>

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## The READ Project (aligned with Project IQra)

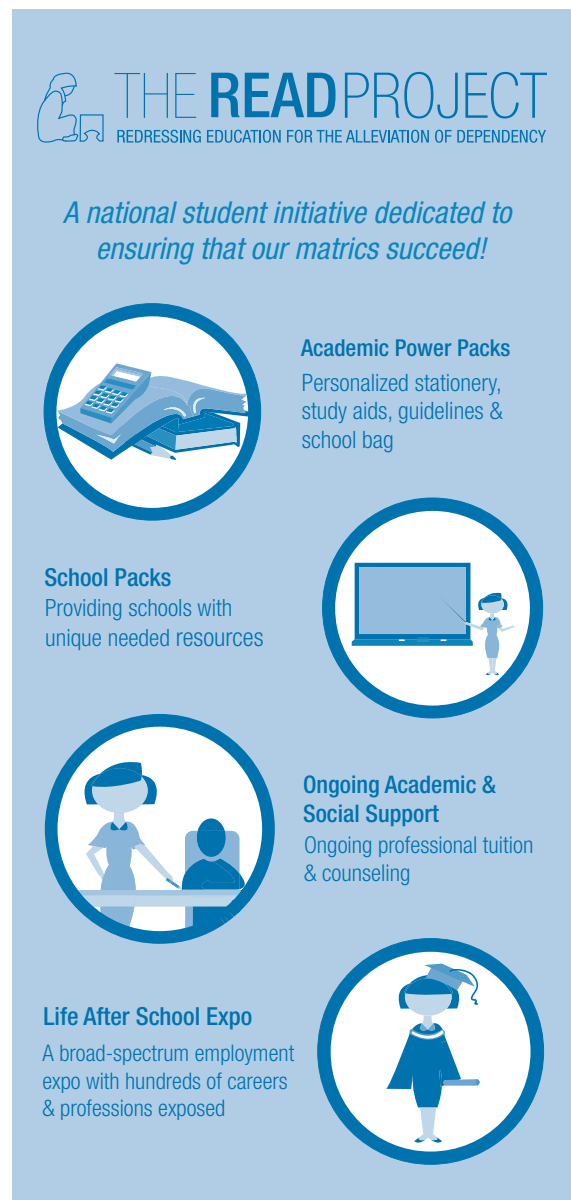
The READ Project is an off-shoot from the MSA Union's Project IQra. The project was set-up with an autonomous group of individuals interested in promoting and realizing the objectives of The READ Project. The Project is not restricted to members or muslims, concerning execution, management, benefactors and beneficiaries.

The READ Project foresees its success in the realization and provision of the following:

- Power Packs, that include stationery, study aids and other materials, availed to grade 9 and 12 learners at the start of the 2013 academic year
- Resources availed to selected beneficiary schools to a set value that comprises of materials determined by a personalized needs-based assessment of each school
- Ongoing support to the beneficiary schools' learners in 2013 with trained tutors and registered counsellors in the fields of mathematics, mathematical literacy, science, accounting, English and volunteer counseling
- Hosting of a *Life-After-School Expo*, a broad spectrum program exposing learners to the endless opportunities available after school not only by tertiary institutions, but also private colleges, SETAs, post-matric skills training institutions, businesses and others. This event will also include a major *careers* fair so that it truly incorporates *life* after school and not only the next four years.

Fundraising initiatives were launched in August 2012 and will continue on an ongoing basis. At the time of writing this report, two of the four objectives of The READ Project were ready for execution. The Project is also supported and recognized by the National Department of Education.

Due to its task-specific nature the project is run by its own committee and lodges its final year-end reports with the MSA Union. It is envisaged that the project becomes completely independent in future years or merged with UCT tasked developmental agencies dependent on its reach goals. For these reasons the project is overseen by a group of independent READ committee members including Ayesha Bibi Juwaley (The READ Project secretary), Imaad Isaacs and Naeema Hoosain amongst others.



The infographic for The READ Project is set against a light blue background. At the top left is a logo of a graduation cap with a book inside, followed by the text 'THE READPROJECT' in large blue letters, and 'REDRESSING EDUCATION FOR THE ALLEVIATION OF DEPENDENCY' in smaller blue letters below it. Below the header is a quote in italicized blue font: 'A national student initiative dedicated to ensuring that our matrics succeed!'. The infographic features five circular icons, each with a blue border. 1. Top left: An icon of a calculator, a pen, and a book. To its right is the text 'Academic Power Packs' followed by 'Personalized stationery, study aids, guidelines & school bag'. 2. Top right: An icon of a person standing next to a whiteboard. To its left is the text 'School Packs' followed by 'Providing schools with unique needed resources'. 3. Middle left: An icon of a person sitting at a desk with a laptop. To its right is the text 'Ongoing Academic & Social Support' followed by 'Ongoing professional tuition & counseling'. 4. Middle right: An icon of a person wearing a graduation cap and holding a diploma. To its left is the text 'Life After School Expo' followed by 'A broad-spectrum employment expo with hundreds of careers & professions exposed'. At the bottom of the infographic are two social media icons: a blue Twitter bird and a blue Facebook 'f' logo. Below these icons is the text 'www.readrsa.org facebook.com/READrsa twitter: @READrsa' and 'project secretary: info@readrsa.org or 072 784 4882'.

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# Maintenance report

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This section details the responsibilities and outcomes of the Maintenance portfolio. The content is sourced from the internal reports of the Maintenance Managers Ziyaad Isaacs and Khadija Karjiker that were submitted during their terms.

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MSA UCT's maintenance portfolio was headed by two managers, namely Miss Khadija Karjiker and Mr. Ziyaad Isaacs during the 2011/12 committee term. The portfolio's responsibilities pertained to the maintenance of prayer facilities on campus and assists with the coordination (in conjunction with the Dawah portfolio) of the Friday Congregational Prayers.

The managers, with the assistance of a reliable subcommittee, tended to the maintenance and cleaning of the prayer facilities. This includes daily vacuuming, cleaning of ablution areas, provision of sanitary items and washing of ablution towels. The managers and their subcommittees worked diligently to ensure that paper towels were purchased, cleaning inventory supply levels were maintained, washing machines and tumble dryers were serviced, MSA equipment was maintained and a new vacuum cleaner was purchased.

The portfolio was also tasked with managing the access control register for the Prayer Facilities and ensured that members were granted access timeously.

Other regular, but non-daily activities included seeing that the facilities were fumigated and equipment were serviced. The managers worked in close proximity with UCT structures: Security Systems Department, SDSD Help Desk, Pest Control, Risk Management, and Building Services and Maintenance. Regular external service providers included Zain Aberdeen Trading and AV Nation.

The portfolio spent R10,000 on maintenance during the 2010/11 committee term. This figure was significantly reduced due to the introduction of cotton towels as opposed to paper towels in some prayer rooms. This subsequently led to an average expenditure of R5,000 during the 2011/12 committee term. These are reflected in the financial report.

# Other portfolios

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Herewith follows a summary of activities of other portfolios that were not covered in other sections.

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## Medical School

The Medical School representatives were Mishka Kadir and Shuaib Goga. These committee members ensured that Upper Campus initiatives were promoted on Medical School. They also ensured that the prayer facilities on Medical School were well maintained and hosted some events that included: The Annual Medical School Braai, One-to-One Day, and The First Year Meeting. There is a lot of scope to develop the Medical School portfolio to become as lively as Upper Campus.

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## Residences

The residences portfolio served as an intermediary for UCT's Residence Catering Department, The Halal Caterer and residence students. The portfolio was managed by Ayesha Bibi Juwaley until January 2012 who was then succeeded by Uzair Ramjam. Uzair managed the Halal catering lists, signups, and private meals during Ramadan.

Essentially, the task of accepting meal delivery fees should be done by UCT. However, the MSA has facilitated this process over the past few years to serve as a workaround to ensure that Halal meals are delivered to residence students. It should be noted as a priority for future committees to have this task moved to UCT's catering department.

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## Media, Marketing & Communications

The MMC portfolio was headed by Huroennisa Mahomed. The objectives included timeous delivery of event marketing protocols. The portfolio holds particularly challenging tasks as it deals with every member of the committee and relies on sound organization within its own and other portfolios.

A 32-inch LED screen and small noticeboard were purchased to be mounted outside the prayer rooms for marketing purposes. These still have to be mounted though. The MSA spends a significant amount of money on BulkSMS annually. It was motivated to obtain a Blackberry to contact members via Whatsapp and BBM as a marketing protocol. This was not particularly realized, after not having found a sponsor for the equipment.

In some instances the marketing portfolio was noted to be ineffective. However, this is not solely due to its internal performance, but rather its dependencies on other committee portfolios. Also, few members joined the marketing subcommittee.

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## **Publications**

The publications portfolio served as the written voice of the MSA and worked in conjunction with the MSA Vula tab to keep all members and non-members updated of upcoming events. The main objective of the publications portfolio was the imparting of knowledge to the UCT community.

The portfolio published a fortnightly newsletter that was distributed at the Friday Congregational Prayers. The publications for 2012 included the following:

### **NEWSLETTERS**

**Newsletter 1** - Youth: On Culture, Religion, and Generation Gap by Khalid Baig - 17 Feb

**Newsletter 2** - How Should I Act as a Muslim on a University Campus? by Waleed Kadous - 2 March

**Newsletter 3** - Fear of Poverty by Hamza Yusuf - 16 March

**Newsletter 4** - Giving up Sins: An Easy Prescription by Hazrat Maulana Yunus Patel Saheb - 24 March

**Newsletter 5** - The 1 Cent Coin by Hazrat Maulana Yunus Patel Saheb - 13 April

**Newsletter 6** - What Does Allah Want From Me? by Anonymous - 4 May

**Newsletter 7** - Ramadaan – and thereafter Life Challenge - 27 July

**Newsletter 8** - Ramadaan: Save the Changes by Moulana Imran Khamissa - 17 August

**Newsletter 9** - Avoid the Temptation by Hazrat Maulana Yunus Patel Saheb - 31 August

**Newsletter 10** - Beyond Elected Government. Just Government by Khalid Baig - 14 September

### **UNPUBLISHED DOCUMENTS**

Ramadaan Timetable - 21 July

Dua Booklet (was published by the succeeding committee) - 2 March

MSA perpetual Salaah timetable - 20 January

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# Internal meetings & events

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Below follows a list of internal meetings and events pertaining to the MSA UCT 2011/2012 committee.

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## **Strategic Planning Meeting - 26 Jan 2012**

The committee met on Thursday, 26 January 2012 for the consolidation of its strategic planning session. The committee members were asked to brainstorm, collect opinions, define their objectives and present their pledges for the 2012 period which was consolidated at this meeting.

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## **General Committee Meeting - Weekly**

A total of 20 general committee meetings were held weekly on Mondays during 2012. Four of these meetings were chaired by the Vice Chairperson Loobna Kamroodien while the remainder were chaired by Chairperson Imaad Isaacs.

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## **Internal Conflict Meeting - 22 Apr 2012**

A meeting was called on 22 April 2012 to resolve grievances within the committee on matters arising. The meeting was chaired by the Human Resources Manager Loobna Kamroodien.

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## **Committee Dinner - 6 Oct 2012**

The Committee concluded the year with an outgoing dinner at Claremont Spur on 22 October 2012.

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## **Committee Outgoing Build - 13 Oct**

Members of the MSA UCT Committee utilized a unique opportunity to assist Habitat for Humanity South Africa and Habitat UCT with a home building project in Mfuleni, a well-known township in the Western Cape, South Africa. The event served as a pleasant and rewarding team building exercise for the outgoing team.



Event Gallery: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.393210654080630.88665.126225360779162&type=3>

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# Projects not realized in 2012

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Some regular programs were planned to occur during 2012. However, due to circumstances these were not realized. The following is a list of such projects.

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## **Annual Soccer Tournament**

The MSA UCT Annual Soccer Tournament didn't happen this year. The event was initially scheduled for the Saturday preceding the study break period in the first semester. However, due to the unavailability of on-campus venues (due to late bookings) and the crowding of MSA and UCT events respectively, the tournament was postponed to the second semester. It was also suggested that the tournament be a post-Taraweeh one. The event did not take place this year. This occurrence may be seen as one of the biggest failures on MSA UCT's part in 2012 as it attracts essential involvement from both the muslim and non-muslim population on campus.

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## **Thank You Dinner - 15 Nov**

A thank you dinner for key MSA partners and UCT staff members was listed as an item on the events agenda. However, due to examinations, pressure and other constraints this was not realized. As a thank you gesture, gifts were purchased for key UCT employees who have assisted the MSA on a regular basis over the past years.

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## **Aqeedah Workshop for Committee Members**

This was a pipeline project to host an *Aqeedah* workshop for current and incoming committee members. The need for this is particularly important, especially in the UCT context where members are faced with contentious issues of belief at times. It is important for a committee to have the appropriate knowledge and expertise for the manner in dealing with such situations as they arise.

Fortunately, the majority of the 2012 Committee attended the BTG Seminars of the Islamic Belief and Apostasy. Quaanit Bester is presently organizing a program with local scholars that may be used with all committees in the Cape Region.

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# MSA UCT chapter elections 2013

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The following account was checked by the Chief Electoral Officer of the 2012/13 Elections, Quaani Bester.

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The first round of UCT MSA elections were facilitated by Independent Societies Council Member Tasneem Kadodia and Mr. Ridwaan Tayob according to the following process and timetable to meet the UCT Department of Student Affairs requirements. The following notice was released on 15 August 2012 and lodged with the Societies Council.

**--- Start of Notice ---**

## **Nominations (Closes on Monday 27 August @ 12h00, been open since last week)**

These may be dropped into the box outside the MSA Office. For nominations of other campus members, please email the name and contact details of the nominated party to [uctMSAelections@gmail.com](mailto:uctMSAelections@gmail.com)

## **Candidate Verification and Application Forms Submission (Closes on Tuesday 13h00)**

A member of the societies council will act as an independent electoral officer. The officer will contact all nominees and also accept your completed forms. You need to submit these forms by **13h00 on Tuesday**, they're very basic. Anything submitted after this time will not be accepted.

These forms are attached and completed forms may be emailed to [uctMSAelections@gmail.com](mailto:uctMSAelections@gmail.com)

## **Interrogations - Tuesday @ 13h15 (Venue: TBC)**

During meridian on Tuesday, all candidates will get one-minute to motivate for themselves and also to make a public appearance on the day such that members may see who they are voting for. All candidates are required to attend this event.

## **Voting Opens on Wednesday @ 00h00 and closes on Friday, 31 August 2012 12h00**

The voting process will be facilitated online (via a VULA site). The electoral officer will add all MSA subscription members to a Vula tab "MSA Elections 2013". Candidate profiles will be available for your perusal and you may select 6 candidates up until **Friday, 31 August 2012 12h00**.

The new committee will be announced at Jumuah.

## **AGM (Friday, 31 August 2012 - Venue: Upper Campus - Room: TBC)**

The AGM will take place on Friday 31 August 2012. This will entail a short overview of the past year's activities and the treasury report with an introduction the incoming committee.

We wish you all well and from here on out, the election process lies with the Electoral Officer.

**--- End of Notice ---**

Due to a rushed timeline, the efficiency of the process was not realized as it proved difficult for election officers to reach nominees due to unavailability. However, these nominees were deemed as contacted by leaving messages, voicemails and emails. The process thus went forth as stipulated above and an initial set of results were released as follows without going to election.

**--- Start of Notice ---**

### **UCT MSA Elections Results**

The MSA received insufficient candidate application forms by the stipulated deadline (10:30PM Wednesday 29 August 2012) to have an election. Nominations were opened from 22-27 August 2012.

The Electoral Officers accept the ten (10) candidate application forms submitted within the stipulated period and will consult with the current executive of the MSA in the interest of continuing without elections.

The Electoral Officers regret this situation and urges all students to assist the new committee in building support for student leadership development and democratic processes.

The Electoral Officers commends the nominees below for availing themselves and for their commitment to the process. Their motivations and CVs will be availed within the MSA website.

**Shakeel Chicktay (Submitted 28 August 2012, 12:35AM)**

**Mohammed Siddique Parker (Submitted 28 August 2012, 12:23PM)**

**Khadija Karjiker (Submitted 28 August 2012, 8:10PM)**

**Naeema Hoosain (Submitted 29 August 2012, 9:05PM)**

**Altaaf Harnaker (Submitted 29 August 2012, 9:59PM)**

**Muhammad Zubeir Joosub (Submitted 29 August 2012, 10:17PM)**

**Uzair Ramjam (Submitted 29 August 2012, 10:25PM)**

**Salman Ghoor (Submitted 29 August 2012, 10:27PM)**

**Imaad Isaacs (Submitted 29 August 2012, 10:30PM)**

**Khalid Hussein Khalpey (Submitted 29 August 2012, 10:30PM)**

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**Zakariyyah Harnekar (Submitted 29 August 2012, 10:34PM - LATE)**

**Ali Kiyaei (Submitted 29 August 2012, 10:36PM - LATE)**

**Inshaaf Isaacs (Submitted 29 August 2012, 10: 44PM - LATE)**

**Mohammed Khalid Mohiudeen (Submitted 29 August 2012, 11:14PM - LATE)**

These results are provisional subject to no written objection being received by the Electoral Officers within 24 hours of this announcement. Objections in writing should be addressed to [uctMSAelections@gmail.com](mailto:uctMSAelections@gmail.com) by Friday 31 August 2012 at 4pm.

--- **End of Notice** ---

After consultation with the electoral officers, the DSA societies coordinator and considering the objections lodged, decisions were taken to extend the nomination/application period and allow for a clearer process. The second round of elections protocol were overseen by Chief Electoral Officer, Mr Quaanit Bester, who released the following on 6 September 2012:

--- **Start of Notice** ---

Nominations will not be conducted, **instead** anyone who wishes to run for the executive committee may do so by merely filling out a candidate application form (attached). Candidate applications need to be submitted by the **11 September 2012, 17H00**.

PLEASE NOTE: NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

All previous applicants need to resubmit.

Completed forms may be emailed to [uctMSAelections@gmail.com](mailto:uctMSAelections@gmail.com)

Interrogations will be held on the **12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012** in the meridian time slot (just after Thuhr salaah) in Jameson Hall. ALL applicants need to be present on either of the dates provided.

Voting polls for re-election will be opened after Jumu'ah on the **15<sup>th</sup> September 2012** and will close Monday the **18<sup>th</sup> September 2012, 12h00**.

Please note: all correspondence must be done through campus email.

CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

--- **End of Notice** ---

The second round of elections went smoothly without errors in the process. However, before the release of the election results, a member's report was submitted to the SRC concerning the MSA's change in committee structure.

The objection was lodged in a lengthy document, which seemed to discredit the UCT MSA Committee - claiming that a number of processes, changes and decisions were taken unconstitutionally, in which case the matter escalated to the Department of Student Affairs. All decisions taken were found to be in line with UCT's and MSA's Constitutional requirements. The Department ruled in favour of the changes.

The following correspondence was forwarded to the incumbent Chairperson after having had the DSA and SRC Societies Coordinator consider the objections raised and the manner in which the UCT MSA handled the election process.

The decision on the committee structure rule had to be given by the Department before the results would be released in order to avoid any biases. The SRC's Societies' Coordinator further stated concerning the structure "that the changes are in line with the constitution as the core portfolios are stipulated and remain intact". Concerning the elections process, the SRC's investigation on the matter concluded the following:

*"As to the process of the election. All the evidence I have indicates that it has been conducted in a free, fair and democratic manor. And that the initial complications were rectified quickly and executed with integrity."*

This judgement by the SRC and DSA communicated on September 19th allowed for the results to be released by the Chief Electoral Officer.

Mr Quaanit Bester Released the Election results on September 19th, 2012 in the following communication:

--- **Start of Notice** ---

Assalamu 'alaykum

Great stuffs!

It is with pleasure that after a contentious election process, the results are finally ready for viewing.

The 10 member executive structure has been accepted and approved by the department of student affairs (DSA) as well as the student representative council (SRC) and henceforth will be adopted by the MSA. See attached document (structural outline).

I am witness (and Allah is my witness) to the election process being conducted in a free, fair and democratic manner.

No.	Name	% of votes
1	Zakariyya Harnekar	47
2	Imaad Isaacs	44
3	Insaaf Isaacs	42
4	Idrees Solwa	36
5	Altaaf Harnekar	35
6	Salman Ghoor	35
7	Zubeir Joosub	30
8	Amani Khensani Manganyi	30

No.	Name	% of votes
9	Shakeel Ahmed Chitktay	29
10	Mohamed Siddique Parker	28
11	Naeema Hoosain	24
12	Uzair Ramjam	22
13	Hamza Fazluddin	21
14	Mohammad Kajee	19
15	Mohammed Khalid Mohiudeen	15
16	Zaakiyah Abrahams	15
17	Alireza Kiyaei	8

CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

MR. Q BESTER

--- End of Notice ---

Imaad Isaacs submitted his withdrawal from the 2013 committee on 28 September 2012. In which consideration was given to the next in line. This was done, as it preceded the constituting phase. Hamza Fazluddin was instated with the new committee members after Naeema Hoosain and Uzair Ramjam declined respectively.

The committee was instated at a constituting meeting on 30 September 2012.

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# **Appendix A - Approved MSA Committee Structure for 2013**

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The committee structure changed from a 16-person committee (as stated in the committee members section) to 10 persons, with some shifting around of portfolios and elimination of gender specific portfolios. These were well motivated within the committee meetings and was approved with a 2/3 majority vote internally amongst committee members. The process followed was in line with the University Protocol and has been ratified and accepted by the SRC's Societies' Coordinator and the Director of Student Affairs.

See subsequent pages in this appendix.

## UCT Muslim Students' Association

## Roles and Responsibilities

### Organisational Structure

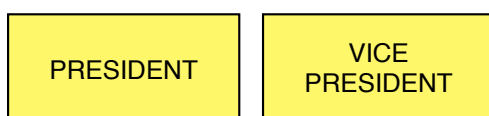
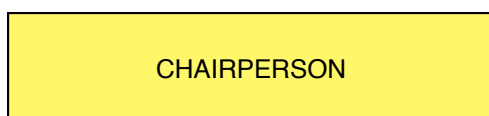
Some changes have taken effect since the 2011 election. Some portfolios were eliminated, and the role the chairperson and vice-chairperson has been strategically tasked amongst the president, vice-president and chairperson.

Portfolios that serve on the official society executive committee are highlighted in yellow. Non-committee managers and portfolios are in white.

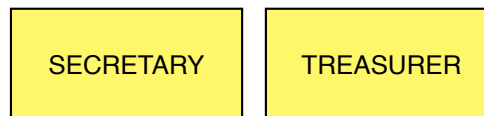
The elections allows candidates to contest for the yellow portfolios. White portfolios will be filled in coordination with executive oversight member, these need not be applied for now.

Whilst considering the 10 person executive, and in equity with the number of students on each operational campus, a minimum of two members of Medical School must serve on the committee.

### STRATEGIC DIRECTION PORTFOLIOS



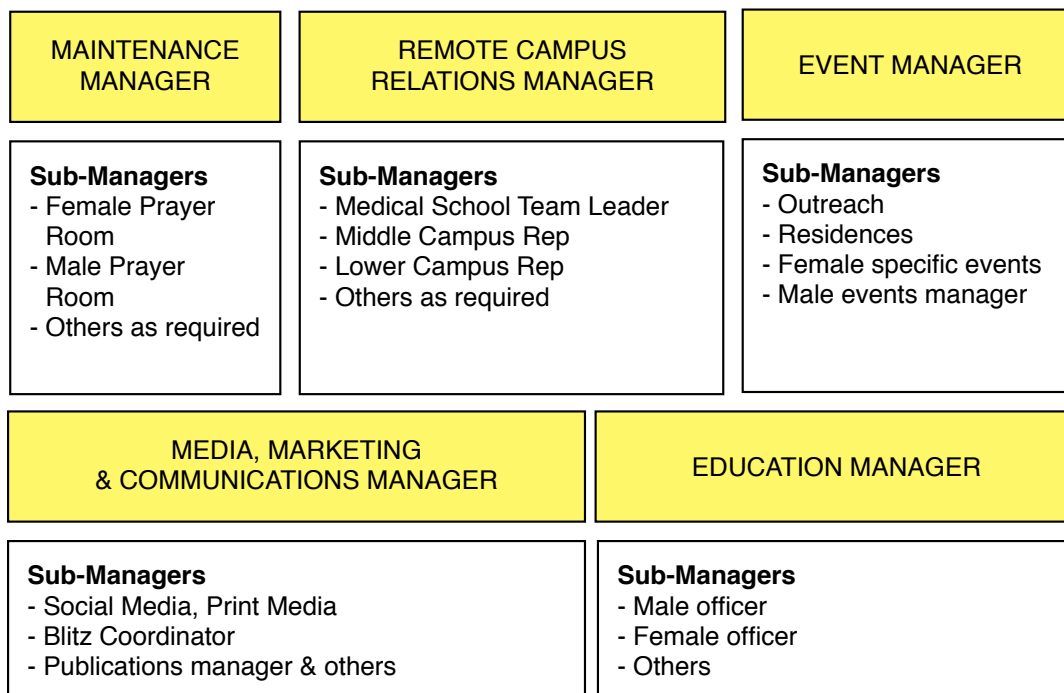
### ADMINISTRATIVE PORTFOLIOS



### EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

Advisor/consultant: Former chairperson or as appointed

### TASKED PORTFOLIOS





## **UCT Muslim Students' Association**

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

### **President**

#### Responsibilities

- Facilitates Goal-Setting for the Committee for the year
- Represents the society on university structures where necessary
- Issues press release statements and formal statements in the name of the MSA
- Handles external conflict resolution
- Reports on society activities quarterly to the relevant university structures
- Maintaining a complete and informed overview of the society at all times
- Portfolio oversight

#### Qualities

- Responsible, Goal-driven
- Good communication skills
- Creativity and idea generation
- Good reasoning skills (decision making / judgement)
- Good people skills and able to work in a team
- Approachable

### **Vice President**

#### Responsibilities

- Manage human resources within the society
- Portfolio oversight
- Assume the responsibilities of the president in his/her absence or emergency situations
- Manages member sign-ups and processing in coordination with the secretary
- Manages halal catering contracts and other member-related service contracts

#### Qualities

- As per president

### **Chairperson**

- Internal conflict resolution management
- Coordinates committee meetings
- Maintaining a complete and informed overview of the society at all times
- Facilitates portfolio report backs
- Acts as a liaison for the National Council of Chapters (or appoints one)
- Ensure that the committee is functional
- Spearheads the national outreach project (or appoints a coordinator)

#### Qualities

- As per president

### **Treasurer**

#### Responsibilities

- Liaise all external payments with the Treasury Office
- Coordinates reconciliations for special projects funding
- Source and coordinate fundraising initiatives to ensure a sufficient cash inflow for the efficient running of MSA operations
- Manages the society budget
- Maintains an accurate record of all financial transactions
- Coordinates purchases in the name of the society

## **UCT Muslim Students' Association**

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

### **Qualities**

- Responsible
- Reliable
- Patient
- Organized and has sound financial knowledge
- Bonus: Well-connected

### **Secretary**

#### **Responsibilities**

- Maintains an accurate record of all meeting proceedings
- Maintains records of correspondence between the society and external parties
- Serves as first reference for members
- Maintains a close working relationship with the chairperson
- Maintaining a complete and informed overview of the society at all times
- Manages vula communications and vula tab maintenance

### **Qualities**

- Responsible
- Reliable
- Organized
- Approachable

### **Maintenance Manager**

#### **Responsibilities**

- Oversees the cleaning schedule of Prayer Rooms
- Ensures that regular maintenance is sorted and towels are washed
- Maintains inventory register
- Serves as access control officer for Prayer Room Access
- Liaises with sub-managers and ensures training is availed for services
- Liaises with UCT maintenance management for other service needs

### **Qualities**

- Responsible
- Reliable
- Organized
- Approachable

### **Remote Campus Relations Manager**

#### **Responsibilities**

- Manages a subcommittee that ensures the following:
  - Events are marketed on all campuses (Med, Hiddingh Hall, Grote Schuur Campuses)
  - Reserves venue bookings for events not held on Grote Schuur Campus
  - Ensure that representatives on all campuses are informed of society events

### **Qualities**

- Responsible
- Reliable
- Organized
- Able to lead a team
- Approachable

## **UCT Muslim Students' Association**

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

### **Media, Marketing & Communications (MMC) Manager**

#### **Responsibilities**

- Maintains the society website
- Oversees the society's radio show
- Ensure that society online platforms are working
- Seeks means to streamline tasks
- Drives marketing protocols (social & online media, print media, radio, SMS and other)
- Finds innovative and creative ways to market society projects
- Oversees and ensures prompt delivery of all regular publications (IQRA, Annual Magazine, Survival Guide, Jumu'ah Newsletters)
- Manages the MMC team
- Distributes the statements of society

#### **Qualities**

- Responsible
- Reliable
- Organized
- Able to lead a team
- Approachable and has creativity and able to generate ideas

### **Events & Projects Manager**

#### **Responsibilities**

- Provides strategic direction for the committee to facilitate society events
- Serves as (or appoints) a team-leader for each society event
- Ensures that events management protocols are observed and well planned
- Arranges for the recruitment of committee and general members to assist at events
- Liaises with project champions, committee members and external organisations
- Ensures that training programs are availed to event organisers

#### **Qualities**

- Responsible
- Reliable
- Organized
- Able to lead a team
- Approachable
- Creativity and idea generation

### **Education Manager**

#### **Responsibilities**

- Acquisition of reliable speakers for Friday gatherings
- Facilitating regular educational programs
- Liaising with other faith-based society's to avail inter-faith programs

#### **Qualities**

- Responsible
- Reliable
- Organized
- Approachable & strong interpersonal skills
- Love & passion for learning

# Appendix B - Notable achievements of MSA UCT 2010/11

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I only found it befitting to note some of the achievements and highlights of the 2010/11 MSA UCT Committee. The contribution of the former committee assisted the institution significantly by raising the bar and ensuring that the MSA continued to be a stable force in the market.

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## **MSA UCT Book Drive -- 10 000 books, 5 months, 1 library - Apr - Sept 2012**

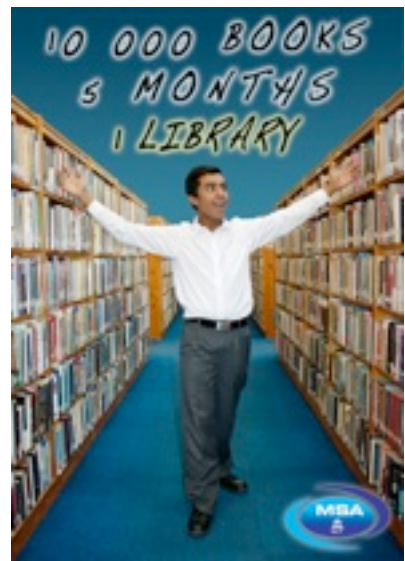
MSA UCT's 2011 Outreach portfolio coordinated the MSA UCT Book Drive with the slogan "10 000 books, 5 months, 1 library". The project was managed by Amani Khensani Manganyi and overseen by Naasir Bassier. Imaad Isaacs served as the marketing manager for the project. Many hands were involved and the Outreach subcommittee contributed significantly.

The drive managed to raise more than 10 000 books that were donated to The Leadership College in Manenberg. An additional donation of new books to the value of R250,000 was sourced from Juta & Co.

The project proved to be an astounding success.

Project website: [www.10000books1library.com](http://www.10000books1library.com)

Project launch event gallery: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.322065714528458.71700.126225360779162&type=3>



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## **BIC Charity Competition - Apr 2011**

As part of the Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing academic program, students enrolled in Business in Context are challenged with a marketing and fundraising assignment for a worthy project or charity.

Although not entirely related to the MSA, this is included because the event had a positive effect on muslims while on campus. Imaad Isaacs represented The Leadership College in the bidding presentations. TLC was fortunate to

have won the bid and received R55,000 from the BIC Class and SASDI. Thanks is due to Stuart Hendry, Ridwaan Kalla, Virginia, David Cranna, Faiza Malick and the rest of their team.



Award ceremony event gallery: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10151171454992106.448621.568932105&type=1&l=845993a31a>

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### **Veggie Garden Project, Khayelitsha - May 2011**

Under the guidance of former Outreach Coordinator Naasir Bassier, the team visited Fajrul Islam Centre in Khayelitsha, a township area in the greater Cape Town region. The members of the MSA outreach subcommittee (most of whom served on the 2012 committee thereafter) were present and contributed to the event.



Event gallery: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.322070651194631.71701.126225360779162&type=3>

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### **Mentoring Connect Program - Mar - Oct 2011**

Bridging the Gap Educational Research and Resources Department conducted a mentoring and tutoring program with Grade 8 and 9 learners at The Leadership College in Manenberg. This program involved introducing learners to various career disciplines, encouraging healthy relationships, leadership development training, study skills workshops, a media and film studies program and weekly tuition in Economic and Management Science to compliment the work learnt at school. The mentors and tutors were sourced from members of UCT Muslim Community.

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### **Ramadan Humanitarian Project - Ramadan 2011**

The Outreach subcommittee under the guidance of Naasir Bassier did it again. The team, with the support of the MSA constituency, raised R109,000.00 in two weeks for the Annual Ramadan Humanitarian Project. The funds were handed over to Islamic Relief South Africa who purchased the items required for the food hampers. MSA and IR members packed the hampers and distributed these in deserving communities.

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# Chair's parting thoughts

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I have always been astonished by the initiatives, commitment and outcomes of student leadership programs, developmental agencies and societies. The key to developing true leadership capabilities are realized within the development of selfless servitude at the core. It is such experiences that avail an opportunity of direct insight into the minds of tomorrow's leaders that exposes the directions we will take and the choices we will make in the coming generations.

The youth of South Africa has a big role to play in the development and safeguarding of authentic Islamic ideals. Technological advancements of every kind have made the dissemination of information virtually possible from almost every corner of the globe. These have availed countless opportunities that the youth of today must seize with vigour.

The MSA, as a university structure, is managed by students who are faced with many challenges during their term. As such, the institution goes through a series of peaks and troughs over the years. In a general sense, core values of identity, ideals and agendas are sometimes challenged. Questions as to whether the MSA is a religious institution operating in a social environment and vice versa are brought up. However, despite many interpretations of the MSA's role, there are some attributes that remain consistent such as the institution serving as a vanguard of Muslim interests and ensuring that the basic obligations of Islam are upheld and catered for.

The previous generations of MSA Committees have left a great legacy. Reflecting on the past year, we have seen a number of ups and downs, and opportunities of recognizing our faults while also taking advantage of our strong points. The MSA 2012 committee performed fairly. However, in many respects there is a lot of room for improvement. This is wholly a reflection on the society's leadership.

MSA UCT was also fortunate to communicate with and participate in MSA Union initiatives. The Union of MSAs have actively pursued programs to involve nationwide participation and communication in MSA events. Through Union's activities, it is striving to create a consistent platform where students across "generations can interact with one another and share their experiences from when they served on MSA". This also seems to be a daunting and tricky task, since alumni wish not to be too prescriptive and allow new committees to make their own mistakes. A sincere thanks and recognition is due to Mr Yusuf Talia and the core revival committee of this Union initiative.

On a personal note, my MSA experience has proven to be one that has allowed for personal development through servitude. Many new friends were made and opportunities of serving Islam were availed. Looking back, since first running for the Committee, I can say most of my initial goals have been achieved, but this is in no way enough. It is up to the coming generations to carry-on and continue to grow and uphold the core values of this wonderful institution.

On behalf of the committee, I sincerely thank all the students, other societies, donors and UCT staff for their input and participation in the MSA events, fundraisers and activities. Furthermore, I thank my colleagues and committee members for having made our time together a memorable one. It is our collective contributions that has shaped the MSA the way it is today.

To the new committee; I remind you to be mindful of your intentions and to beseech Allah constantly to keep them sincere. *“Every job is a self-portrait of the one who did it. Autograph your work with excellence.”*

May Allah bless you and I for all our humble efforts.

Ameen.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Imaad', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Imaad Isaacs**

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